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The criminal tribes in the Chittoor district.

393 Q.—Mr. M. Narayanaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of schools established for the benefit of the children of the criminal tribes in the Chittoor district;

(*b*) the places where and when such schools were established and their progress during the last five years;

(*c*) the places where there are criminal settlements with no schools for their benefit in Chittoor district;

(*d*) the tribes or communities from which the police constables are recruited during the last five years in Chittoor district; and

(*e*) the tribes or communities that contribute the highest number of criminals in order, in Chittoor district, in the above period?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no detailed information. The hon. Member may probably obtain details from the District Educational Council, Chittoor.

(*c*) There is only one settlement for criminal tribes in the Chittoor district and it is already provided with a school.

(*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information.

The Indian Officers' Association.

394 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the existence of the Indian Officers' Association;

(*b*) whether this Association receives any financial help from the Government;

(*c*) if so, what is the extent of the help given by the Government; and

(*d*) whether the Government have granted any contribution to the proposed extension of the hostel managed by the Association; if so, how much?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Association were given a grant of Rs. 36,750 in the year 1920 to assist them to purchase a building for use as a hostel for the children of members of the Association.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

Water from the Red Hills Tank for irrigation purposes.

395 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. Natesa Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that only water above 38 feet level in the Red Hills Tank, Chingleput district, is allowed to be used for irrigation;

(2) whether this system is anterior to the new water-works scheme for the Madras City; and

(3) whether in view of the new water-works scheme under which the Madras City which draws water even from the lowest level, there is any necessity to continue the old practice?

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A.—Under the existing rules, all supply for irrigation and seed-beds under the Red Hills Tank is cut off when water falls to + 38 00 or lower. In the interests of water-supply to the City of Madras, water cannot be allowed to be drawn off for irrigation from a lower level. In view of the increased demand in the City for the supply of water, a proposal to raise the level, below which the draw-off for irrigation should be stopped, to + 39·50, and at the same time to raise the F. T. L. of the tank by 1½ feet, is under the consideration of the Government.

Election and nomination of members to the Negapatam Municipal Council.

396 *Q.*—Mr. V. P. Pakkiriswami Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there are two elected members in the Negapatam Municipal Council connected directly or indirectly with Messrs. Madura Company, Ltd., Negapatam;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that one Venkatachalam, who was nominated by the Government as a councillor, is also connected with Messrs. Madura Company, Ltd., Negapatam;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that another individual belonging to the same company is or about to be appointed by the Government as a councillor; and

(*d*) what the reasons are, if any, for the appointments of so many individuals from one and the same firm contrary to the provisions of section 49, clause 2 (vi) of Madras Act V of 1920?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The Government have no such intention at present.

(*d*) Such appointments would not be contrary to the provisions of section 49 (2) (vi) of the District Municipalities Act.

Civil Surgeon of Negapatam.

397 *Q.*—Mr. V. P. Pakkiriswami Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Council of Negapatam passed a unanimous resolution on 4th January 1921 affirming the unpopularity of the present civil surgeon of Negapatam and requesting the Government to transfer the said gentleman from Negapatam; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that he was under orders of transfer and that Dr. Verghese from Bellary was posted in his stead, and, if so, the reasons for not giving effect to that order?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) The present civil surgeon, Dr. Iswarayya, applied for leave early this year. He was granted the leave and Dr. Verghese was posted in his stead. Dr. Iswarayya has not, however, been able to avail himself of the leave till now.

Nomination of the Civil Surgeon to the Negapatam Municipal Council.

398 *Q.*—Mr. V. P. Pakkiriswami Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Chairman, Municipal Council, Negapatam, has recommended to the Government through the Collector of Tanjore the appointment of the civil surgeon of Negapatam as a municipal councillor;